

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

Evaluation Criteria For: Biology Major

Location: Science Hall

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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

1) What is the maximum number of transfer credit hours acceptable?

(The residency requirement for a Rowan degree is 30 credits; at least 20 credits in the major.)

To qualify for graduation, 15 credits must be upper-level biology courses completed at Rowan University.

a) *Total* transfer credit hours allowed

from 4-year colleges: 90

from 2-year colleges: 90

b) Do you accept credits from non-accredited or Nationally accredited institutions? Limitations?

Credits from non-accredited institutions are usually not accepted, but we consider them on a case by case basis. Foreign credentials meeting U.S. school accreditation agreements are accepted.

2) What is the maximum number of credit hours accepted toward the major requirements?

The maximum is 50 credit hours of a total of 73 credit hours of required coursework for the major. Transfer credit may include no more than 8 credits of upper level biology courses and the equivalent of Biology I (BIOL 01100) and Biology II (BIOL 01101). Transfer credits are also accepted for the course equivalents of Chemistry 1 and 2, Organic Chemistry 1 and 2, Physics 1 and 2, Calculus I, Biometry and Philosophy of Science.

3) What is the maximum AGE of external transfer credits accepted toward your program?

10 years, for science and math courses.

Consult Terry O'Brien or Maria Tahamont for an evaluation.

4) Are "D" grades accepted in majors course work? Yes, except as noted in 5, below.

In non-major courses/Gen. Ed.? As described below.

5) Are there exceptions?

D grades are accepted in Chemistry I and II, Organic Chemistry I and II, Physics I and II, Calculus I, and Biometry. The combined average in these courses must be a C or higher. D grades also accepted in Philosophy of Science.

A grade of C- or lower in a Biology Course means that the course will be counted as a Free Elective and not as a Biology Elective.

When schools have separate courses for a lecture and for lab, the lecture course and the lab course must TOGETHER average out to at least a C grade. If not, both the transferred lecture and lab course are counted as Free Electives.

6) What are the requirements for acceptable Biology Elective courses as identified on the program guide?

A grade of C or better is required in each Biology Elective.

Courses that are specifically designed for non-majors are counted as Free Electives, not Biology Electives.

Transfer credits may include no more than 8 credit hours of Biology Electives. Only 4 of these 8 credit hours may be Human Anatomy and Physiology I or Human Anatomy and Physiology II.

7) Are P/NC grades accepted in major course work? No

Are P/NC grades accepted in non-major courses?

Yes, but not in Science or Math (Not in chemistry, physics, math courses or Biometry)

8) Are 300 level courses transferable?

Yes, from 4-year institutions. (2-year institutions have no course equivalents of 300-level courses.) There are no specific limits to transferring 300-level courses as long as they are within the total transfer credit limit of 90 hours, and the limit of no more than 8 credit hours of Biology Electives.

9) What is the total number of credits required for graduation? 120

10) How many credits in the major must be completed at Rowan to graduate?

Of the 22 credit hours of required biology electives, 15 hours must be completed at Rowan. The Rowan residency requirement for all coursework is 30 credit hours.

11) What courses, grades, and GPA are needed before applying to your major?

No specific courses are required for admission to the University or the major. Cumulative GPA may be a factor in admission to the University.

Requirements for a B.S. in Biology are included in Program Guides for Transfer Students, at:

www.rowan.edu/colleges/las/departments/biologicalSci/programs/index.html

Transfer applicants with 60 credit hours or more of completed coursework are advised of the following:

The completion of a minimum of the following courses prior to transferring to Rowan University will provide the greatest opportunity to graduate from

Rowan University in four semesters (two years) or fewer of full-time coursework:

Biology I (BIOL 01100)

Biology II (BIOL 01101)

Chemistry I (CHEM 06100)

Chemistry II (CHEM 06101)

Calculus I (MATH 01130)

12) What GPA must be maintained to remain in the major?

The minimum GPA for coursework completed while a biology major is 2.0. A GPA of less than 2.0 may result in academic probation, suspension, or dismissal from the University, as described in the University's policy for Academic Standing.